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**VFA-86 Command Master Chief Relieved**

SAN DIEGO (NNS) -- The command master chief of U.S. Navy Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) - 86 was relieved of his duties June 2, after he was found guilty of violating two counts of article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice during a Captain's Mast proceeding at NAS Lemoore, Calif.

Cmdr. Ian Burgoon, commanding officer, VFA-86, awarded Master Chief Petty Officer James K. Shumate non-judicial punishment in the form of a Letter of Reprimand.

This action followed the completion of an investigation into allegations of the master chief's personal conduct while the squadron was conducting training at Naval Air Station Fallon, Nev., during the week of May 19. VFA-86 is based at Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif.

Shumate was temporarily reassigned to the staff of Commander, Strike Fighter Wing Pacific at Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif., May 28, based on the initial findings of the investigation.

Senior Chief Petty Officer Todd King is acting as VFA-86's command master chief.

Command master chiefs are the senior enlisted leaders of a Navy command and have a great deal of responsibility for their unit's assigned Sailors and their mission. They strengthen the chain of command by keeping the commanding officer aware of existing or potential issues of concern as well as procedures and practices which affect the mission, readiness, welfare and morale of the Sailors in the command.

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